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The newsletter of the Goddard Society arrived today carrying two photos of Gen. Rosecrans and his staff, and asking, "Who is the Goddard in the picture?"
Well, I can't resist a puzzle. ;-) Knowing Julie, she may have already Found some of this stuff (but I don't think he's one of ours, cuz.)

In a very similar photo, which appears to have been taken at the same time and location:
<http://www.mainememory.net/bin/Detail?ln=5224&supst=enlarge>
you will note that the original captioning reads "Lieut. Col. C. Goddard" with an assumed date of c. 1863.

In a biography of Capt. Simon Perkins, Jr., a Union quartermaster, the author states:
"...Born and reared in Ohio, Rosecrans surely recognized the name "Simon Perkins" as one of Ohio's most illustrious citizens and might have realized that the captain was a grandson of General Perkins. Perhaps Maj. Calvin Goddard, Rosecrans assistant adjutant general, recommended Perkins for the position, as Goddard and Perkins had been friends in Cleveland before the war."

The memorial pages from The 23rd Reunion of the Society of the Army of the Cumberland, Chickamauga, GA, 1892, include:

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL CALVIN GODDARD.

Goddard.—Died; in San Francisco, California, April 4, 1892, Calvin Goddard, late Lieutenant-Colonel, and Assistant Adjutant-General Army of the Cumberland, aged 54 years, 1 month, 25 days.

Calvin Goddard was born at Norwich, Connecticut, February 9, 1838. He was the son of James B. Goddard, and the grandson of Calvin Goddard, one of the leading judges of that state, and for whom he was named. He was fitted for college at sixteen years of age, but circumstances led him to adopt a business career, and he became an accountant in a large commission house in Cleveland, Ohio. Later he occupied a similar position in the Merchants' Loan and Trust Bank of Chicago, and was in that city when the war broke out.

He entered the service as first lieutenant of the 12th Ohio Infantry on the 9th of January, 1862,

having before that time acted as aide to the governor of Ohio, in fitting out the troops. His regiment was stationed in West Virginia. Here he attracted the attention of General Rosecrans, and when that officer was transferred to the West, Lieutenant Goddard accompanied him as acting assistant adjutant-general. At the battles of luka and Corinth, he acted as aide to the general, and was mentioned for gallantry and efficiency.

When General Rosecrans was assigned to the command of the Army of the Cumberland, Lieutenant Goddard was promoted to the rank of major and aide-de-camp, and as such served on the staff of the commanding-general during the Stone's River campaign. On the reorganization of the staff, consequent on the death of Colonel Garesche, Major Goddard was promoted to be assistant adjutant general, with the rank of lieutenant-colonel, and for some time was chief of staff of the Army of the Cumberland.

In his service as staff officer, Colonel Goddard showed the traits of an experienced and capable business man, as well as the gallantry and efficiency of a soldier. He was always industrious, systematic, painstaking, clearheaded, and indefatigable. His letters were models of neatness and conciseness, and every filing about his desk was orderly and methodical. He did, every day, the work of that day. He was never in arrears, so that his department was at all times ready for any move the general might direct. To the junior officers with whom he was associated, he was always genial, courteous, and kind, and to the clerks and orderlies about headquarters he was considerate and patient. It would be difficult to find a more harmonious or more industrious military family than that grouped about Colonel Goddard's desk at Murfreesboro, Tenn.

When General Garfield was appointed chief of staff, Colonel Goddard continued in the discharge of his duties as senior adjutant general with the same energy as before. He accompanied the general commanding through the Tullahoma and Chickamauga campaigns, being always ready to carry out any direction, and quick to transmit any order dictated by the general. When General Thomas succeeded to the command of the Army of the Cumberland, Colonel Goddard continued to fill all the duties of adjutant-general until after the battle of Missionary Ridge. When that was ended, on the 27th of November, 1863, he resigned and returned to civil life. His military service had been long, faithful, and creditable, and his health was impaired by his unremitting devotion to duty. He left behind him a pleasant memory among all who had served or come in contact with him during those eventful days.

Soon after leaving the service, he was made treasurer of the Wells Fargo Express Company, in New York City, and later, treasurer of the New York City and Northern Railroad. His work as an accountant was so highly valued that he was engaged in some of the most complicated railroad accounts, such as those of the Hannibal and St. Joseph, the Delaware and Hudson Canal Company, and the St. Louis Gas Companies. He was also one of the earliest officers of the Edison Electric Light Company, and aided in its organization and successful introduction.

Colonel Goddard resided in New York City until about two years before his death, when he moved to Chicago, to give his personal attention to the Chicago and Southside Rapid Transit Company, of which he was president. It is the first elevated railroad undertaken in that city. To its prosecution and success, he gave himself with all his energy, and it was the overtaking of his strength in this undertaking that led to his early death. An attack of grippe, brought on by his ceaseless labors, complicated with heart trouble, compelled him, at last, to stop, but not until he had completed his self-imposed task. When, at last, he consented to take the much-needed rest, it was too late. With his faithful and devoted wife, he went to California, hoping, in that genial climate, to find the fountain of health. The hope was delusive, and at the end of two months he quietly passed away, leaving behind the memory of a faithful, true, and capable soldier and citizen.

One who knew of his work in Chicago thus writes: "His administration of the affairs of the Chicago and Southside Rapid Transit Company was such as to win the respect and admiration of every one. There never was a stupendous undertaking carried to completion in this city with as little friction as marked the progress of this road. He was a man of most genial and kindly nature, and his death comes as a personal loss to all who knew him. It seems especially sad that he might

not have been spared to enjoy the well-earned honors of his work. The road is a silent witness to his energy and superior executive ability."

Though not often meeting with our Society during the last years, Colonel Goddard never lost his interest in its welfare. He was a member of it since 1869, and always recalled his army experience with keen pleasure. He was also a Companion of the New York Commandery of the Loyal Legion. He likewise belonged to the Century and the Union League Clubs of New York City. He leaves behind him a widow and two children, a son and daughter.

Given that toward the end of his life he devoted himself to the construction of Chicago's L, I wonder if Col. Calvin Hooker Goddard (1891-1955) of that city, who played a critical role in establishing the field of forensic science, might have been a relation...

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